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SHAWNEE NATIONAL FOREST



OUTREACH NOTICE

Laborer-Wildlife

WG-3502-3 (OCRT-3502-3-LABOR-DT)

The Shawnee National Forest is seeking qualified applicants to fill one seasonal WG-03 Laborer position (Announcement # OCRT-3502-3-LABOR-DT) for the 2012 summer season. **This position is currently advertised in USAJOBS automated application system at WWW.USAJOBS.GOV under the announcement numbers above.** This position is a **1039 Hour Seasonal Appointment**, and will be located at the Work Center in Jonesboro, Illinois (IL). The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to inform prospective applicants of these opportunities.

Anyone interested is encouraged to apply. Please make sure to list all of the positions and duty stations for which you are interested. The deadline for applications is May 25, 2012.

Laborer Position - Wildlife

This position serves as a Laborer for the wildlife program on a ranger district encompassing all national forest lands in southern Illinois. This position will be part of the District Natural Resource Equipment Crew. Work this season will generally be focused on food plot, openland, wetland, and pond maintenance,

repair and improvement activities. A variety of projects may be accomplished to support fisheries, wildlife, and watershed projects. The selected individual will work with other permanent and temporary staff to accomplish levee repairs, riprap placement, disking, planting/seeding, bush-hogging, culvert cleaning and replacement, and gravel placement as needed across the District.

The work takes place in a variety of outdoor settings on rough, uneven terrain and under a variety of adverse weather conditions.

The incumbent will be expected to demonstrate competence with a variety of power and hand tools including chain saws, air compressors, circular saws, drills; assist in the attachment and use of farm implements including broadcast seeders, disks, rotary mowers; and serve as a swamper (backup safety person) for equipment operators using tracked and wheeled equipment such as farm tractors and dozers. The supervisor provides oral or written instructions concerning job location and work needed. Work is performed largely with some supervision. Must remain constantly alert and work carefully around heavy equipment and other job hazards, to prevent injury to self and others or damage to equipment. Laborers will typically be expected to assist with multiple projects and errands as needed. It is preferred that the incumbent is tractor operator qualified or, at the very least, be experienced with tractor operations. The incumbent must hold, or have the ability to obtain a valid state driver's license. The selected individual will be subjected to a background investigation conducted by the Department of Homeland Security.

Positions is projected to last until September 28, 2012, but may be shortened or extended depending on funding, applicant availability, and/or successful execution of the duties described above.

Successful applicants must be highly motivated, attentive to detail, and enthusiastic about working outside, in hilly areas and in various weather conditions (rainy, hot/humid, etc.) for 7 – 9 hours per day.

DESCRIPTION OF THE FOREST:

While not large, at 280,000 acres, the Shawnee National Forest in southern Illinois is the largest unit of public land in the state. The Supervisor's Office is located in Harrisburg, with a Ranger Station in Vienna and a Work Center in Jonesboro. The Forest sits at the confluence of the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers. The area is rich in history, reflecting the pioneer movement of Americans into the west. The Forest is predominantly oak-hickory, although pine was planted in many areas in the past. Swamps contain tupelo and cypress communities. Razorback ridges associated with the Ozark upthrust are found on the west side of the Forest; the broader ridges associated with the Shawnee hills are found on the east side of the Forest. The Wisconsin glacier stopped north of the Shawnee, so the Grand Prairie (and its corn fields) most associated with the state of Illinois starts 40 miles north of the Forest.

Within the boundaries of the Shawnee National Forest System Land include:

- Seven Congressionally-designated Wilderness Areas (over 10% of the Forest)
- Six candidate Wild and Scenic Rivers
- Four National Natural Landmarks
- Four heritage resource sites on the National Register of Historic Places.

- 10 Research Natural Areas
- 58 ecological areas
- 2 geological areas
- 14 botanical areas

The Forest is within a day's drive (350 miles) of more than 45 million people, or 17% of the U.S. population. (U.S. Census Bureau, 7-1-97 estimate)

Additional information about the Shawnee National Forest may be found at www.fs.usda.gov/shawnee.

CLIMATE

We experience all four seasons, with an average of 3" of snow per year and temperatures rarely below 0 degrees. Summer days are sunny and humid with highs in the 80's – 90's, occasionally topping 100. Spring weather can occur in March and fall weather can extend into November. During the spring and fall seasons, the climate and beauty of the area is especially compelling. Spring brings an abundance of blooming dogwoods, redbuds and wildflowers. The fall is saturated with color, as the leaves turn brilliant reds, gold and yellows. Garden of the Gods, the most visited site on the Forest, is a must-see during the fall color season. The unusual rock formations, coupled with the surrounding Garden of the Gods Wilderness, portray the beauty of southern Illinois at its finest.

EDUCATION

Pre-schools through high schools can be found in most communities and rank high in the state. There are several community colleges in the area offering quite reasonable in-district tuition. The Southern Illinois University, located in Carbondale, IL, offers a full range of baccalaureate through doctoral programs. Day care facilities also are available in most communities.

CHURCHES

Churches representing all major denominations can be found in most communities.

ECONOMY

Real estate here is moderately priced. The median price for purchasing a home is approximately \$85,000 and house rentals begins at approximately \$350 per month. Utilities are priced moderately. Tourism is a developing economic force in the area. In recent years several wineries have opened, offering two outstanding wine trails. Southern Illinois offers a rural environment with easy access to all possible amenities. Both shopping and entertainment opportunities are abundant within the area. Marion and Carbondale, IL along with Paducah, KY offer shopping malls, movie theaters and several locally owned and operated restaurants, along with major chain and fast-food restaurants. Additional information on local employment opportunities can be found at the following links:

<http://www.manta.com/mb?search=Harrisburg+il>

<http://www.manta.com/mb?search=Marion+il>

HEALTH CARE

Health care facilities serving the area include full facility Carbondale Doctor's Memorial Hospital and Marion Memorial Hospital. Services at these hospitals include cardiac units, oncology and neonatal units. Other hospitals providing care are Lourdes and Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah, KY and Massac Memorial Hospital in Metropolis, IL. All the hospitals provide 24-hour emergency room physician coverage and specialists.

RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Every June, the annual Southern Illinois Music Festival features dozens of performances in venues from Mt. Vernon to Cairo and Murphysboro to Marion and of course Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois, the heart of the Festival. Musicians from throughout North and South America, Europe and Asia perform orchestral and chamber music, opera, ballet, jazz, and new music, in an informal and inviting atmosphere. Visit <http://www.sifest.com/> for more information.

The Superman Celebration in downtown Metropolis, IL features the Home of Superman. This event held during the second weekend in June each year celebrates the 'Man of Steel'. A Superman Drama kicks off the weekend of contests, food and fun. Comic book & artist show, fan films, street vendors, a carnival and a Super Car Show. Visit <http://www.supermancelebration.net/> for more information.

The Big Muddy Film Festival, the longest-running, student-organized film festival in the United States happens annually in Carbondale at Southern Illinois University.

For an urban atmosphere, events such as the annual Mary Meachum Freedom Crossing Celebration and the Big Muddy Blues Festival in St. Louis, MO and the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and Latin Dance Festival, Nashville, TN provide glimpse of the cultural diversity within a two hour commute from Southern Illinois.

There are wide varieties of diverse cultural and educational events in the area. One is the Tokyo String Quartet founded some four decades ago. It has been captivating audiences ever since and gaining high regard as a chamber ensemble in its own right. In collaboration with a wide variety of artists and composers it is creating a significant collection of acclaimed recordings. For families in the Muslim community, there are events and activities available including an Islamic summer school for children of all ages.

There are a number of festivals located in the area. The annual Festival Latino at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale offers the chance to experience Latino culture with free food, entertainment and fun activities. The Southern Illinois Saluki Pow-Wow hosted by SIUC provides people of all ages and backgrounds to enjoy traditional Native American arts, crafts, foods, cultural demonstrations, exhibitions and dances. The Southern Illinois Irish Festival provides Irish-themed activities, food, events, entertainment and live music. The Herrinfesta Italiana takes place each spring in Herrin, IL celebrating the town's Italian heritage. For more information about festivals in the area, please visit: http://www.oneregion.com/travelguide/stories/text_12.html.

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OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

If you are interested in these positions, be sure to submit your application through [USAJobs](#) By **May 25, 2012** . In addition, you are encouraged to complete this form and reply to Monica Neal by **May 25, 2012** in one of three ways:

E-mail: monicaneal@fs.fed.us.

Fax: (618) 253-1063

Mail: Monica Neal
Shawnee National Forest
50 Hwy 145 S
Harrisburg, IL 62946

For additional details on the position, you may call Daryl Kirtley at (618) 658-2111

By completing this form, you are indicating that you are interested in the following positions, please place an "X" in the position(s) you are interested in:

- ☐ **Laborer – Wildlife, WG-3502-3, OCRT-3502-3-LABOR-DT**

Location: **Region 9, Shawnee National Forest, Jonesboro, Illinois**

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name		Date	
Address			
City		State	
Zip		E-Mail	
Phone number(s)			
Are you currently a federal employee			
If Yes, current agency and location			
current title/series/grade			
Type of Appointment if Current Government Employee	Permanent	Term	Temporary
Type of Schedule if Government Employee	Full-time	Part-time	Intermittent
If you are not a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, are you eligible for appointment under any of the following special authorities (check the appropriate box):			
	Person with Disabilities		
	Veteran Readjustment		
	Former Peace Corps Volunteer		
	Disabled Veteran with 30% Compensable Disability		
	Student Career Experience Program		
	Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998		
	Other, please describe:		